

## **Citizen's Advisory Commission on Civil Defense Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM with quorum.
  - a. Present: Chair Gino Soquena, Commissioners Rick Peterson, Glenna Wong, and Joe Miller.
  - b. DEM Guests: Hiro Toiya, Karen Paaga and John Cummings.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Commissioner Miller moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2018; Commissioner Peterson seconded and the minutes received unanimous approval.
3. 2018 Hurricane Overview:
  - a. DEM PIO John Cummings gave a brief overview of the 2018 Hurricane Season. He also handed out a press release from Mayor Kirk Caldwell on dated November 29, 2018.
  - b. Commissioner Peterson asked if "shelter in place" is the position the State is taking. Acting Director Toiya stated that we (State of Hawaii) will never get to the place we need to be with regards to shelters because we don't have enough public buildings, so the need to shelter in place is necessary.
  - c. Commissioner Wong stated that they can assist at shelters if necessary.
4. DEM Administrative Issues:
  - a. Hiro Toiya is still the Acting Director, currently no definitive timeline yet on hiring a permanent director. Chair Soquena asked what the qualifications are for the position and they were each given the Class Specification.
  - b. 2019 meeting dates are as follows: February 14, April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10, and December 12.
5. County Administrators Meeting:
  - a. Acting Director Toiya provided a brief overview of the County Administrators meeting that was hosted in Honolulu by DEM in November. Acting Director Toiya noted that the busy year prevented the emergency managers from meeting on a quarterly basis as intended but will be looking to get back to the schedule next year.
6. 2018-2019 Wet Season Outlook
  - a. Acting Director Toiya passed out the NOAA Media announcement that predicted an early rainy season and stated that we are looking at an El Nino to develop which means a quieter rainy season, but more active hurricane season.
7. Commissions Report:
  - a. Commissioner Wong stated that after the false missile alert in January 2018, residents just want to feel confident that the government has everything under control
  - b. Commissioner Peterson mentioned that Hawaii Public Radio (HPR) is asking if they can have someone sit in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during an emergency and HPR has the capability to provide statewide coverage. Acting Director Toiya will work with Commissioner Peterson, HPR, and HI-EMA.
  - c. Commissioner Miller mentioned that on the banking side if there were a prolonged power outage due to an emergency, there are selected branches that are equipped with generators to keep ATM's working for the community.
  - d. Chair Soquena reminded the Commissioners that he is terming out on March 31, 2019 and that February 14, 2019 would be his last meeting. He also stated that they should elect a new Chair at that meeting.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.